

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
October 3rd, at 7p.m.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: John Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Dept. Supt. Larry Parrish, Town Marshal, Richard Foutch, Sam Hobbs, Jim Baughn and Mike Stanley,

**MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 REGULAR MEETING**

Cynthia Hyde motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jon Stantz, the motion passed 3-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

**Halloween Hours –**

Dean Bruce motioned that the Halloween hours for trick or treating be set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Cynthia Hyde seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Event Registration Request –**

Jon Stantz motioned that the event registration for the POW/MIA Missing Man Table for October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. be approved and the fee waived. Dean Bruce seconded, and it passed 3-0. At the organizers' request, Larry Parrish will barricade Main Street between Franklin and Market Streets beginning at 6:30 p.m., for the duration.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz stated that he received a reminder from the Insurance company for worker's comp that the Owen Valley Fire Territory file timely claims. He said there were no sanctions, but he wanted to reaffirm the importance of timely reporting.

Lorenz also spoke about the need for the building inspector to observe, and get evidence of the strength of concrete being poured. He said this was a separate inspection, with a separate fee, and the town will need to take a look at their procedures and forms to make sure this is covered.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Marshal Foutch said he spoke to the County Commissioners and they would like to set a time for a work session with the Town Council members to further the discussion for the combined building inspector position. The proposed time for the meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners Room

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Marshal Foutch announced that Marty Workman was scheduled to attend the Police Academy beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 with graduation scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

He also noted that the Halloween weenie roast is scheduled for Halloween night from 5-8 p.m. He also mentioned that October 15<sup>th</sup> would be the Shop-With-A-Cop Day, sponsored by the Spencer F.O.P. in which his officers would be participating.

Also Marshal Foutch stated that October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back parking lot of the Spencer Police Department will serve as site for the second Drug Take Back Day, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Street Superintendent Larry Parrish requested the Board's approval to hire three part-time, temporary employees for leaf removal between the dates of October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve Larry Parrish's request. It was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Parrish next had a question concerning personnel policy as it pertains to longevity pay to employees hired prior to a proposed change in the pay schedule. There was some discussion as to whether Travis Sanders and Terry Sips had been grandfathered in under the old policy. Richard Lorenz volunteered to put together a change to the personnel policy to address this issue.

Jon Stantz stated there has already been the burning of leaves within the town limits. He asked that The Evening World (Michael Stanley) put something in the paper to make sure everyone is aware of this ban.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

A sewer adjustment was requested by the owners of the Tivoli building. Jon Stantz stated that there is a minimum charge as long as the sewer was in service. He asked the representative of the Tivoli if this had been done. The representative was uncertain, if this had been capped, so the adjustment was tabled until this could be confirmed.

Sam Hobbs, Owen County maintenance supervisor, next brought up an issue regarding the water and sewer bills being extraordinarily high for no apparent reason. He questioned who read the meters, and how often. He has discussed this issue with BBP, and could not get this resolved. Jon Stantz volunteered to discuss this further BBP on his behalf to see if can be resolved.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Cynthia Hyde wanted to know if there was a way to calculate what the Fire Territory's share of the CAGIT money would be based on what they have received in 2008 and 2009. Richard Lorenz said it is based on population, and if should be able to be calculated fairly easily once we know the population for the Town of Spencer and Washington Township. Cynthia asked Richard Lorenz if he could work on a formula, and he agreed to look into it.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Regarding the Hazard mitigation project, Dean Bruce stated that a public meeting will be scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall to update everyone on the status.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

The town council approved the property values for insurance coverage as presented by Insurance Services.

The Town Council also signed an agreement between Town of Spencer and Owen County to Adopt Resolution for conducting the 2011 Town Election.

**John Stantz made a motion to adopt the resolution, it was seconded by Cynthia Hyde, and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

**Jon Stantz motioned to accept claims as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

**Jon Stantz adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

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Jon Stantz, President

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Dean Bruce, Vice-President

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Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer